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***ENZI ISSUES STATEMENT ON SENATE PASSAGE OF ADA
AMENDMENTS ACT***

Washington D.C. – U.S. Senator Mike Enzi, R-WY, Ranking Member of the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee (HELP Committee), issued the following statement on Senate passage of the Americans with Disabilities Act Amendments Act of 2008:

“Passing this ADA bill is critical to restore the intent of the original Americans with Disabilities Act. Recent court decisions have denied protections to some individuals that Congress intended to cover when it first passed ADA. This bill will ensure that individuals with disabilities are protected from discrimination as Congress originally intended.

“As a former small business owner, I will continue to watch the effects that this statute and others may have on small businesses. We must make sure these changes protect individuals who may be left behind now without creating unreasonable new burdens for small businesses struggling to compete.”

The Senate approved the ADA Amendments Act of 2008 today unanimously. The bill has the support of a broad coalition in the business community and disability advocates. Over 70 Senators co-sponsored the legislation.

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